

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:

VIOLATOR:

Dorothy Epperson
43-A-5494 / 7292

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about January 8, 2013 and November 26, 2012, you or your organization committed violations of the following sections of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9:

2.40(b)(2) Attending Veterinarian and Adequate Veterinary Care....DIRECT.... failure to establish and maintain programs of veterinarian care that use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries (January 8, 2013)

3.1 (c)(1)(i) Housing Facilities, General, Cleaning....repeated failure to maintain surfaces which the dogs come in contact with impervious to moisture and free of excessive rust.

3.1(c)(1)(ii) Housing Facilities, General....repeated failure to maintain surfaces free of jagged edges and sharp points that might injure the animals

3.1(c)(3) Housing Facilities, General....repeated failure to spot-clean daily and sanitize once every two weeks

3.3(e)(1)(i) Sheltered Housing Facilities....repeated failure to maintain indoor floor areas in contact with dogs impervious to moisture

3.3(e)(1)(ii) Sheltered Housing Facilities....repeated failure to maintain outdoor floor areas in contact with dogs impervious to moisture, when the floor areas are not exposed to the direct sun, or are made of a hard materials such as wire, wood, metal, or concrete

3.3(e)(1)(iii) Sheltered Housing Facilities....repeated failure to maintain surfaces in contact with dogs impervious to moisture

3.4(b) Outdoor Housing Facilities, Shelter from the elements....DIRECT... failure to provide shelter structures with adequate protection and shelter from the cold and heat; direct rays of the sun and direct effect of wind, rain and snow; wind break and rain break at the entrance; and additional clean, dry bedding when the ambient the temperature is 50°F (November 26, 2012)

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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